

MINUTES OF HAMILTON COUNTY COUNCIL, MARCH 6TH, 2002 7:30 P.M.

GENERALIZED SUMMARY

VERBATIM DISCUSSION ON TAPE ON FILE IN AUDITOR'S OFFICE

President Levine called to order the regular meeting of the Hamilton County Council. Auditor Robin Mills called the role: Brad Beaver, John Hiatt, Christine Altman, Judy Levine, Meredith Carter, Jim Belden. Auditor Mills declared a quorum.

Everyone stood for moment of silence led by Councilor Levine and remained standing for the pledge of allegiance.

Councilor Belden moved to approve minutes of February 6, 2002. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (6-0).

Councilor McKinney arrived at 7:40 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMITTEE / OFFICER REPORTS

President

Councilor Levine

- Congratulated Barry McNulty, Board of Health, Commissioners and Council on the opening of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- Congratulated Soil & Water Conservation District on this past years work.
- Reported she and Councilor Altman were judges for the Star Awards sponsored by the Hamilton County Convention & Visitors Bureau.
- Thanked Jim Vaughn, Fred Swift, Commissioners and Council for the successful retreat held March 1, 2002.
- Spoke of the County Display Tent being proposed for the 2002 4-H Fair and asked that department heads contact Les Locke and Tom Stevens for more information.

Vice President

Councilor Carter

- Councilor Carter met with Senator Luke Kenley who believes HB1378 (E911) will pass in this legislative session.

Highway

Councilor Beaver reported the committee met with the Highway. Additional request on agenda

are part of the \$3,000,000 that was appropriated for intersection improvements, this money will fund the 20% matching federal aid project monies.

Councilor Altman updated the council on the 96th and Keystone intersection. INDOT will be doing an intersection improvement.

Finance

Councilor Altman asked again for a report from Riverview Hospital as to the fiscal effect of raising the run revenue of EMS.

GIS

Larry Stout reported on the following:

- We have received 68% of the base map update from Woolpert. This includes roughly the western 14 miles of the county.
- We have added the new council and commissioner district maps to the web site.
- The SAVI Needs Assessment final report will be presented on Thursday, March 7 at 12:00 noon in Conference Room 1A.

Personnel

Councilor Carter reported:

- Surveyor requested change in starting salary for new employee.
- Buildings and Grounds Assistant Superintendent position pay was approved at mid-point. Also, vacant position opened by filling Assistant Superintendent is to be advertised with minimum and midpoint pay ranges.
- Prosecutor requested change made last month be retro to beginning of pay year.
- Committee requested Waggoner, Irwin & Scheele look at pay classifications for 2003 budget year.
- Fiscal Grant Analyst position has been classified as an exempt position.

Fiscal Grant Analyst

Mr. Vaughn reported:

- Mr. Vaughn presented to the Council an update on Grant Management Contacts made to date, Meetings Scheduled and Contacts yet to be made.
- Office realignment will begin on March 18, 2002. After March 13th packing of offices

will begin. His office will be moved to Planning Department area.

- Announced the AIC Annual Conference will be held September 23-26 in Merrillville.

Miscellaneous

None

Unfinished / Tabled Business:

None

ADDITIONAL, TRANSFERS AND AMEND FORM 144

Sheriff Chief Deputy, Dan Nickel explained to the council that any changes made to the trust agreements for the Police Benefit Plan and Retirement Plan must be approved by the Hamilton County Council. Therefore Mr. Nickel is requesting approval of change in banks from Fifth Third to Community Bank and increasing from 15% to 20% the amount of monies invested in equities as approved by the Merit Board on the advise of Goelzer Investment Management be accepted. Councilor Beaver moved to approve the changes presented. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Hiatt moved to approve additional request of \$5,000 in Circuit Court line item 101.007.000.3721 Investigative Services. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve additional request of \$8,500 in Buildings and Grounds line item 101.019.000.4064 Retrofit. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Belden moved to approve additional request of \$5,000 in Emergency Management line item 101.024.000.2009 Restricted Hazardous Material. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve additional request of \$32,000 in Jail line item 101.027.000.3004 Radios & Recorders. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to amend Voter Registration 144 line item 101.051.000.1003 Deputy Clerk to \$27,000. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve additional request of \$1,515 in Voter Registration line item 101.051.000.1003 Deputy Clerk. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Carter moved to amend Fall Creek Township Assessor 144 line item 101.065.000.1004 Field Appraiser. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Carter moved to approve additional request of \$23,901 in Fall Creek Township

Assessor line item 101.065.000.1004 Field Appraiser. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver moved to approve additional request of \$197,000 in Highway Coit Fund line item 283.000.000.3957 96th & Olio Road Inter-local Agreement. Councilor Altman seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Altman moved to approve additional request of \$9,000 in Jail Detention Fund line item 358.000.000.4032 Jail Equipment & Maintenance. Councilor Hiatt seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Beaver stated he appreciated the list of projects the Highway Department and Commissioners presented at the Retreat. Their priorities and the cost associated with these priorities were well defined which will be helpful.

Councilor Beaver presented to the Finance Committee a series of request from Sheridan Airport who wants to enter into an agreement with the Board of Aviation. Councilor Beaver is requesting the Finance Committee review these request for future discussion.

Commissioner Clark met with Representative Kathy Richardson today. Senator Kenley has received our amendment concerning use of E911 Funds which were added to House Bill 1378. The bill has gone back to the House, however one of the sponsors of the initial legislation now disagrees with some of the things that happened on the Senate side. We are now waiting to hear what happens to this bill in committee.

Commissioner Clark also reported that she received a letter from INDOT that says the State does not have the money to do the intersection of SR 32 & Hazel Dell Road however they hope to get it in Federal bill and have money in place for 2003.

ATTORNEY'S COMMENTS

Mr. Culp stated for the record, in connection with the EMS Agreements, that as the attorney for Hamilton County Council and as the attorney for Riverview Hospital, he has a conflict of interest.

Councilor Altman moved that the Conflict of Interest that Mr. Culp disclosed this evening be waived and request that Mr. Culp proceed with drafting appropriate amendments for councils review and determination as to appropriateness. Councilor Beaver seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0).

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

Auditor Mills presented to Council memo from Janus Developmental Services, Inc. regarding application for federal funds. Councilor Altman made a resolution that the County Council President review the grant application, if it's consistent with the needs of the county as a whole that she execute the same after review. Councilor Beaver seconded. Motion carried (7-0).

Councilor Altman motioned to adjourn. Councilor Belden seconded motion. Motion carried (7-0). Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Those present:

Tamm
y
Baitz,
Clerk

Kate
Lewis,
Daily
Ledger

BJ Casali, ISS
Stevens, HCSD

Dan

Julie Crask, ISS
Russell, HCSD

Mitch

Cathy Kightlinger, Indianapolis Star
Potter, Citizen

Dave

Cathy Hightower, Circuit Court
Stout, GIS Manager

Larry

Dan Nickel, HCSD
Hendricks, Emergency Mgmt

Bob

Sharon Clark, Commissioner
Zagar, Fall Creek Twp Assessor

Pam

James Tex, ISSD

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President

Auditor